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**BOYD, BLUE DOGS MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT**

*Blue Dog Leaders push bipartisanship, urge return to fiscal responsibility*

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida), Administration Co-Chair for the Blue Dog Coalition, met with President George W. Bush today to discuss the future of the nation and the role of the federal government.

During their conversation, Congressman Boyd urged the President to work with the Blue Dogs to improve the federal budget and to return to fiscal responsibility.

"If the President had reached out to the Blue Dogs sooner, we might not be in the fiscal mess that we are in today," Boyd said.

In addition to Congressman Boyd, the rest of the Blue Dog leadership team for the 110th Congress was also present for the meeting.

The Blue Dog Coalition is set to grow to at least 44 members strong when the 110th Congress convenes in January.

"For the future of our great nation, we must stop spending more than we take in and put an end to the current fiscal crisis," Boyd said.

Congressman Allen Boyd is a fifth generation farmer and Army veteran from Monticello, Florida, poised to represent the 1st District of Florida in the 110th Congress.